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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ETRD, MTN SUBJECT: LLDC'S

- 1. YOU WILL RECALL OUR DISCUSSION IN GENEVA AND YOUR EXCHANGE WITH AMB. AHMED OF BANGLADESH ABOUT THE U.S. DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL AS A PART OF THE TOKYO ROUND FOR THE LLDC'S. MTN DEL HAS MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS, BUT YOU MAY WANT TO UNDERLINE PERSONALLY NOW TO THE INTERAGENCY GROUPS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS STEP SO THE U.S. CAN TAKE AN EARLY INITIATIVE HERE.
- 2. THIS COULD HAVE A NUMBER OF VERY ATTRACTIVE BENEFITS FOR YOU ON JULY 15 INCLUDING:
- A. GAINING THE VOCAL SUPPORT OF THE 29 LLDC'S WHO WOULD CLEARLY GET SOMETHING SPECIAL OUT OF THE TOKYO CONFIDENTIAL

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ROUND.

- B. DIMMING THE VOICES OF THE ADVANCED LDC'S WHOM WE ARE PRESSING FOR REAL AND SOLID CONCESSIONS;
- C. SOFTENING SOMEWHAT THE NORTH-SOUTH CONTROVERSY (A POINT AHMED HAS MENTIONED TO US SEVERAL TIMES); AND

D. ESTABLISHING THE PRINCIPLE OF GRADUATION FOR ADVANCED LDC'S, THUS RECOGNIZING THE GROUP OF 77 CAN BE SPLIT INTO AT LEAST TWO GROUPS FOR COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS. MCDONALD

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